



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 23, 2002

H.R. 4874

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any federal interest in lands adjacent to Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in the state of Idaho resulting from possible omission of lands from an 1880 survey

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2002

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4874 would cost \$400,000 in fiscal year 2003, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 4874 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 4874 would authorize the appropriation of \$400,000 for the Secretary of the Interior to survey certain lands in Idaho. Assuming appropriation of that amount, we estimate that the Bureau of Land Management would complete that work during fiscal year 2003. Once the surveys have been finalized, H.R. 4874 would direct the Secretary to issue a disclaimer of interest to some of the surveyed lands which have long been claimed by private landowners based on an erroneous federal survey prepared in 1880. By issuing such a disclaimer, the Secretary would allow those landowners to establish clear title to their lands.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.